


Special Report

Nissan Back to San Francisco – May of '06 An Investigative Series on CoB Faculty Travel

This Special Report looks at another suspicious trip to San Francisco made by Edward Nissan (Professor of Economics). As the insert below indicates, this trip was a bit shorter than previous ones, though it still consumed about \$1,000 of the CoB's budget.

 <p>THE UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN MISSISSIPPI EMPLOYEE TRAVEL VOUCHER</p>	Name		Phone #		Dept Box	
			601-266-4648			
	E-Mail		Nissan@cba.usm.edu			
	Dept Name		Eco., Fin., & IB			
	CHECK ONE		Faculty/Staff	Faculty	Student	
For consultation at the University of California at Berkley.					San Francisco, California	
MEALS AND LODGING						
Departure Time	6:30am			Return Time		
Date	5/4/06	5/5/06	5/6/06			

In just 3 days Nissan accumulated more that \$400 in meals and lodging.

MEALS AND LODGING						
Departure Time	6:30am			Return Time		
Date	5/4/06	5/5/06	5/6/06			
Breakfast	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 11.17		\$ -	\$ 11.17
Lunch	\$ 5.00		\$ 3.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 8.00
Dinner	\$ 7.91	\$ 6.09	\$ 6.00		\$ -	\$ 20.00
Lodging	\$ 125.40	\$ 125.40	\$ 125.40		\$ -	\$ 376.20
TOTAL MEALS AND LODGING						\$ 410.37

The airfare was more than \$450.

TRAVEL BY PUBLIC CARRIER				
<i>(Mode = Airfare, Rental Car, Bus, Train, etc)</i>				
Date	From	To	Mode	Ticket Amt
5/4/2006	Hattiesburg, MS	San Francisco, CA	AIR	\$ 452.97
5/7/2006	Sanfrancisco, CA	Hattiesburg, MS		
TOTAL TRAVEL BY PUBLIC CARRIER				\$ 452.97

Taxi rides and Internet use consumed another \$40.

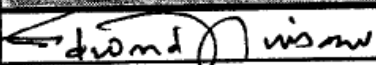
Tips (baggage handling)			
Taxi/Shuttle/Limousine	5/4-5/7	San Francisco, CA	\$ 35.00
Parking/Tolls			
Car Rental Gas			
Internet	5/5/2006	San Francisco, CA	\$ 5.07
TOTAL OTHER EXPENSES			\$ 40.07

The total for this late Spring '06 excursion, or, as Nissan described it, "consultation at the University of California at Berkeley," was just over \$900, as the insert below points out.

TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 908.41
LESS ADVANCE	\$ -
TOTAL REIMBURSED	\$ 908.41

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By signing, I confirm that the above amounts claimed for travel expenses are true and accurate.

	05/11/06	
Employee Signature/Date Edward Nissan	Chair or Next Higher Expenditure Authority/Date GEORGE CARTER	Contracts & Grants /Date (if restricted account)
Print Signature below	Print Signature below George Carter	Print Signature below

The bottom part of the exhibit above shows that George Carter (Chair/Professor of Economics) had reassumed his role as signatory of Nissan's travel vouchers by May of 2006. As other documents in usmpride.com's possession indicate, this is a role Carter performs as well as other past chairs, including himself.

The **Permission to Travel** form filed by Nissan lists some other interesting details, such as Nissan's intention to be away from Hattiesburg, and in San Francisco, for the period May 4-11, 2006. This means that Nissan may have scratched the end of Spring semester 2006.

PERMISSION TO TRAVEL	
<i>Submit at least two weeks prior to travel dates (90 days prior to foreign travel)</i>	
Employee	<u>Edward Nissan</u>
Title (Faculty, PI, Student, Grad Student, etc)	<u>Professor</u>
Traveler's E-Mail Address	<u>Nissan@cba.usm.edu</u>
Phone #	<u>266-4648</u>
Title of Meeting (Do not Abbreviate)	<u>University of California</u>
Location of Meeting	<u>Berkley, California</u>
Dates of Travel (include traveling dates)	<u>May 4-May 11, 2006</u>
For consultation	

Nissan also again uses the priceless description "For consultation" to describe his trip (see above). The final screen below shows that Carter supported the idea of "The consultation" as far back as early March of 2006.

Title of Meeting (Do not Abbreviate)	<u>University of California</u>
Location of Meeting	<u>Berkley, California</u>
Dates of Travel (include traveling dates)	<u>May 4-May 11, 2006</u>
For consultation	

ESTIMATED EXPENSES:	
Meals	\$ 50.00
Hotel Lodging	\$ 375.00
Mileage	\$ -
Airfare	\$ 490.00
Registration	\$ 100.00
Other Expenses	
Total Expenses	\$ 1,015.00

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SIGNATURES

I acknowledge that I have read and understand the University Travel Policy

Signature of Traveler/Date	
<i>[Signature]</i>	03/03/06
*Chair or Next Higher Expenditure Authority/Date	
<i>[Signature]</i>	3/3/06
Print signature of expenditure authority	
<i>[Signature]</i>	3/14/06
USM Travel Coordinator	